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SUBJ: ME: COMPOSITION OF UNEF

1. MOJSOV (YUGOSLAVIA) CALLED ON ME 11 AM NOV 2 AT MY REQUEST TO REVIEW THE BIDDING ON UNEF COMPOSITION. I SAID I EXPECTED MOJSOV WAS ALREADY AWARE OF DEVELOPMENTS IN US POSITION INDICATING OUR DESIRE TO MOVE FORWARD CONSTRUCTIVELY ON ESTABLISHMENT OF UNEF. I NOTED IN PARTICULAR THAT WE WERE RESPONDING TO NON-ALIGNED SENSITIVITIES WHEN WE CONCLUDED WE COULD AGREE TO PARTICIPATION OF GHANA, LIBERIA AND INDONESIA. US WAS ANXIOUS COMPLETE JOB WITHOUT CONFRONTATIONS. HOW DID MOJSOV SEE PICTURE? HOW KEENLY IS YUGOSLAVIA INTERESTED IN UNEF PARTICIPATION?

2. MOJSOV SAID YUGOSLAVIA NOT PARTICULARLY KEEN TO PARTICIPATE. HE WAS AWARE US HAD LAST NIGHT EXPRESSED OPPOSITION TO YUGOSLAVIA AND ON WHAT GROUNDS. USSR WAS PROBABLY "LESS ENTHUSIASTIC" ABOUT YUGOSLAV CANDIDACY THAN US, AS WITNESS MALIK'S HASTE TO ADD GDR, HUNGARY AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO LIST OF EE COUNTRIES IN NON-ALIGNED DRAFT COMMUNIQUE (USUN 4399). MOJSOV SAID WE WERE CORRECT IN SUPPOSITION THAT NON-ALIGNED HAD INSISTED ON INCLUDING NAME OF YUGOSLAVIA IN DRAFT SOLELY BECAUSE IT WAS NON-WARSAW PACT EE COUNTRY INCLUDED IN SYG'S LIST OF VOLUNTARY FORCES.
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3. I ASKED MOJSOV WHETHER HE THOUGHT REQUIREMENT FOR EE REPRESENTATION IN UNEF WOULD BE MET ADEQUATELY IF US EXPLORED PARTICIPATION OF POLAND, ALONG WITH CANADA, IN LOGISTICS END OF UNEF. MOJSOV SAID YUGOSLAVIA WOULD NOT PRESS

ITS OWN CANDIDACY AND COULD EASILY GO ALONG WITH THIS ARRANGEMENT PROVIDED US AT NO STAGE ARGUED THAT ITS OPPOSITION TO YUGOSLAVIA GROUNDED ON ARGUMENT THAT YUGOSLAVIA "HOSTILE" TO ISRAEL OR TO ANYONE ELSE. IF WE DID SO, YUGOSLAVIA WOULD REACT SHARPLY. IF US MERELY CAME FORWARD WITH NEW "EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION" FORMULA THAT INCLUDED CANADA AND POLAND AS REPRESENTATIVES OF TWO EUROPEAN GROUPS IN UN, YUGOSLAVIA WOULD NOT INSIST ON ITS OWN PARTICIPATION IN UNEF. MOJSOV SAID THAT IT WOULD BE ESSENTIAL TO AVOID ANY OVERT INDICATION THAT POLISH PARTICIPATION IN UNEF LIMITED OR DIFFERENTIATED FROM THAT OF OTHERS, REGARDLESS OF ANY PRIVATE UNDERSTANDINGS WE MIGHT HAVE WITH SYG THAT POLISH (AND CANADIAN) ROLE WOULD BE LOGISTICAL ONLY.

4. AFTER SOME GIVE AND TAKE, DURING WHICH I REMINDED MOJSOV THAT US-YUGOSLAV COOPERATION AT UN AND IN BILATERAL SPHERE NOT UNRELATED, MOJSOV AGREED CAUTIOUSLY THAT HE WOULD SUPPORT KIND OF PACKAGE I HYPOTHEZIZED, BOTH WITH NON-ALIGNED AND WITH MALIK. HE WAS CAREFUL, HOWEVER, TO POINT OUT THAT MALIK IS AGGRESSIVE DIPLOMAT WHO WOULD DOUBTLESS PRESS ON FOR EE PARTICIPATION IN ADDITION TO POLAND AND WOULD ATTEMPT TO ELICIT SUPPORT FOR THIS AMONG NON-ALIGNED. MOJSOV SAID HOWEVER HE WOULD WORK ON NON-ALIGNED TO ACCEPT POLAND ONLY, AND IN LOGISTICS ROLE.

5. MOJSOV AGREED TO GO TO WORK RIGHT AWAY TO ELIMINATE FROM NON-ALIGNED DRAFT COMMUNIQUE THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN LOGISTICAL AND "REGULAR" PARTICIPATION. I TOLD MOJSOV I WOULD CHECK OUT ABOVE WITH WASHINGTON WITHOUT DELAY, AND ADDED IF HE GENUINELY HELPED FIND ACCEPTABLE FORMULA IT WOULD BE POSITIVE STEP IMPROVE OUR RELATIONS.
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